

Van Buren County Planning Commission Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Van Buren County (VBC) Planning Commission (PC) to:

Encourage and facilitate local planning efforts, especially with respect to coordinated planning; emphasize the importance of ongoing education and training for local appointed and elected officials in order to uphold responsible, effective decision-making; help communities understand the need to plan in order to proactively mitigate land-use conflicts, resolve issues, and make development decisions that are predictable, equitable, and cost effective.

To that end, the VBC PC is committed to:

- Promoting consistency, complementation, coordination in land use between and among county, city, village, and township entities through master plan review and coordinated county planning.
- Providing educational opportunities, ideas, and resources to local governmental boards, commissions, committees, and the citizens they serve.
- Helping local units to understand and respond to issues related to urban sprawl.
- Being present and available to local units to respond to local needs.
- Continuing education of its own members to better serve the local units.